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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS DEFENSE BUDGET

1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH SEPTEMBER 25, UK PERMREP PECK ASKED NETHERLANDS REP BUWALDA WHETHER THE NEW NETHERLANDS DEFENSE BUDGET ANNOUNCED BY QUEEN JULIANA LAST WEEK WAS AS GOOD AS IT LOOKED. PECK NOTED THAT THE DUTCH ARE SPENDING 3.61 PERCENT OF GNP IN 1973 BUT WILL ONLY BE SPENDING 3.55 PERCENT OF GNP IN 1974.

2. BUWALDA RESPONDED QUITE CANDIDLY THAT THE NEW DEFENSE BUDGET WILL CONTAIN LARGER NUMBERS THAN THE CURRENT ONE, BUT A SLIGHTLY LOWER PERCENTAGE OF GNP AND WILL BE LOWER IN REAL TERMS. HE ADDED THAT BY NOT PURCHASING LANCE THE GON HOPES TO SET ASIDE SUMS WHICH WILL ENABLE IT TO PURCHASE OTHER ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE AS OF NOW UNDETERMINED.

3. BUWALDA INDICATED THE GON PLANS TO ISSUE A WHITE BOOK ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES BY JANUARY 1; AND HE EXPECTED CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DUTCH WILL BE COMING BACK TO NATO WITH RATHER SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AS TO THE FUTURE OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMED FORCES SHORTLY AFTER THAT DATE.  
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